To: Chairman and Authority Members Date: March 19, 2004

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Subject: Agenda Item 6 – Discussion of Public Review Period of the Draft Program

EIR/EIS and selection of Dates and Locations for the Public Hearings -

(January 28, 2004 Agenda Item 7)

Discussion

The release of the draft EIR/EIS begins a 90-day public comment period. Within the 90-day public comment period the Authority will host public hearings as required. The proposed draft EIR/EIS public hearing schedule is as follows:

| March 23, 2004 | 1 st EIR Public Hearing - Sacramento |
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| April 13, 2004 | 2 nd EIR Public Hearing - Los Angeles |
| April 15, 2004 | 3 rd EIR Public Hearing – San Diego |
| April 20, 2004 | 4 th EIR Public Hearing - San Francisco |
| April 28, 2004 | 5 th EIR Public Hearing - Fresno |

Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Authority approve the proposed draft public hearing schedule set forth.